

  
THINGOE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

WEST SUFFOLK.

R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year

1955.

ROBERT H. CLAYTON, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.



ANNUAL      REPORT  
of              the

Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of  
Thingoe in the County of West Suffolk for the year  
ending 31st December, 1955.

Public Health Offices,  
8, Whiting Street,  
Bury St. Edmunds.

August, 1956.

To:-

The Chairman and Members of the  
Rural District Council of Thingoe.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg to submit for your favourable consideration my  
Twentieth Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, being that for the  
year ended 31st December, 1955.

I would acknowledge my indebtedness to my colleagues, Mr. Whitfield,  
Clerk of the Council, and Mr. Casson, Sanitary Inspector, and his colleagues  
for their assistance in compiling this report.

My thanks are also due to Dr. D. A. McCracken, County Medical Officer of  
Health, West Suffolk, for his co-operation and counsel throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT H. CLAYTON, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.  
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

(a) Medical. One part-time Medical Officer of Health,

ROBERT H. CLAYTON, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H. (Durham),  
Cert. Mental Deficiency and Allied Subjects (London),  
appointed in 1936.

This Officer does not engage in private practice but holds in addition the  
following appointments:-

|                                             |   |                              |
|---------------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Medical Officer of health, Newmarket U.D.C. | } | Appointed 1st July, 1936.    |
| Mildenhall R.D.C.                           | } |                              |
| Cosford R.D.C.                              |   | Appointed 1st Feby. 1937.    |
| The dwastre R.D.C.                          |   | "            1st July, 1938. |

(b) Others. One Sanitary Inspector,

S. M. CASSON, M.I.MUN.E., A.M.I.S.E., M.S.I.A.,  
Meat and Other Foods Diploma R.S.I.  
Appointed February 1946.

Mr. Casson is also Surveyor to the Council.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors,

I. ARMSTRONG, M.S.I.A., A.M.I.P.H.E.,  
Meat and Other Foods Diploma R.S.I.  
Appointed December 1951. Left 31st August, 1955.

G. WOODS, M.S.I.A., A.M.I.P.H.E.,  
Meat & Other Foods Diploma R.S.I.,  
Diploma in Sanitary Science R.S.I.  
Appointed November 1953.

W.G.G. LEWIS, M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.  
Appointed 6th June, 1955.

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Public Health & Housing Committee.

Mr. G. W. Reeve      -      Chairman.

Mrs. A. J. Catchpole -      Vice-Chairman.

Lt. Col. S. E. Baker.

Mrs. F. Balaam.

Mr. F. S. Barber.

Mr. H. J. Brown.

Major D. C. Cayley.

Lady Marjorie Erskine.

Rev. E. Hopkins Jones.

Mr. F. G. Lebbon.

Vice-Admiral J. W. Rivett-Carnac.

Mrs. R. E. Marriage.

Mr. W. R. Rayner.

Mr. A. Reeve.

Mrs. G. Shrewsbury.

Mr. M. R. Whitwell.

Mrs. V. M. Wilson.

Rev. J. R. M. Wright.

MR. N. R. WHITWELL, J.P., CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

MR. J. H. WHITFIELD, CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.



SECTION A.  
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

|                                                                   |         |           |           |    |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|----|----------------|
| 1. <u>GENERAL STATISTICS.</u>                                     | Area    | ..        | ..        | .. | 106,500 acres. |
| Registrar General's estimate of the resident population           | 1955.   | (1954)    | (1953)    |    |                |
|                                                                   | 19,260  | (18,570)  | (18,780)  |    |                |
| Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book. | 5.584   | (5,451)   | (5,335)   |    |                |
| Rateable Value                                                    | £73,376 | (£71,276) | (£69,094) |    |                |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate                                   | £288    | (£294)    | (£283)    |    |                |

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

|                               | <u>Total.</u> |        |        | <u>Male.</u> |        |        | <u>Female.</u> |        |        |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|
|                               | 1955          | (1954) | (1953) | 1955         | (1954) | (1953) | 1955           | (1954) | (1953) |
| <u>Live Births.</u>           |               |        |        |              |        |        |                |        |        |
| Legitimate.                   | 272           | (283)  | (353)  | 138          | (145)  | (173)  | 134            | (138)  | (180)  |
| Illegitimate.                 | 12            | (18)   | (13)   | 8            | (10)   | (8)    | 4              | (8)    | (5)    |
| <u>Stillbirths.</u>           |               |        |        |              |        |        |                |        |        |
| Legitimate                    | 7             | (7)    | (10)   | 3            | (6)    | (5)    | 4              | (1)    | (5)    |
| Illegitimate.                 | Nil           | (Nil)  | (Nil)  | Nil          | (Nil)  | (Nil)  | Nil            | (Nil)  | (Nil)  |
| <u>Deaths.</u>                | 178           | (206)  | (194)  | 89           | (112)  | (115)  | 89             | (94)   | (79)   |
| <u>Deaths under One Year.</u> | 6             | (6)    | (9)    | 3            | (5)    | (7)    | 3              | (1)    | (2)    |

|                                                                | <u>Thingoe.</u> |        |        | <u>England &amp; Wales</u> |        |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|----------------------------|--------|--------|
|                                                                | 1955            | (1954) | (1953) | 1955                       | (1954) | (1953) |
| <u>Birth Rate.</u> (Live Births per 1000 population).          | 14.7            | (16.2) | (19.5) | 15.0                       | (15.2) | (15.5) |
| <u>Comparability Factor, Births.</u>                           | 1.14            | (1.14) | (1.27) |                            |        |        |
| <u>Corrected Birth Rate.</u>                                   | 16.8            | (18.5) | (24.8) |                            |        |        |
| <u>Stillbirth Rate</u> per 1000 total (live and still) births. | 24.1            | (22.7) | (26.6) | 23.1                       | (24.0) | (22.4) |
| <u>Death Rate</u> per 1000 resident population.                | 9.2             | (11.1) | (10.3) | 11.7                       | (11.3) | (11.4) |
| <u>Comparability Factor, Deaths.</u>                           | 0.91            | (0.91) | (0.97) |                            |        |        |
| <u>Corrected Death Rate.</u>                                   | 8.4             | (10.1) | (10.0) |                            |        |        |
| <u>Death Rate of Infants under One Year.</u>                   |                 |        |        |                            |        |        |
| All infants per 1000 live births.                              | 21.1            | (19.9) | (24.6) | 24.9                       | (25.5) | (26.3) |
| Legitimate Infants per 1000 Legitimate births.                 | 22.1            | (17.7) | (25.5) |                            |        |        |
| Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Illegitimate births.             | Nil             | (55.6) | (Nil)  |                            |        |        |

The six deaths under one year of age were all of legitimate children, of which two males and two females died in the first four weeks of life:-

|                   |                                             |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Male, 23 hours.   | Congenital atelectasis, microcephally etc.  |
| Male, 2 days.     | " " , Grossly enlarged thymus.              |
| Male, 1 month.    | Broncho-Pneumonia due to marasmus.          |
| Female, 3 days.   | Pulmonary haemorrhage of unknown aetiology. |
| Female, 5 days.   | Premature Birth.                            |
| Female, 3 months. | Broncho-Pneumonia.                          |

There were four other deaths in the nonage:-

|                    |                                        |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Male, 1 year.      | Broncho-Pneumonia. Primary Amentia.    |
| Male, 8 years.     | Fell into pool - drowned.              |
| Male, 20 years.    | Fell from motor cycle.                 |
| Female, 23 months. | Asphyxia due to oedema of the glottis. |

Of the total 178 deaths, there were 137 deaths (77%) at 65 years of age or over, of which 88 deaths (49%) were at 75 years or over.

The Rateable Value and Penny Rate Product quoted above were of course based on the old assessments. The new assessments in use in April 1956 have produced a Rateable Value of £105,276 and a Penny Rate Product of £410. Thus the Rateable Value has been increased 43% and the Penny Rate Product 42%.



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The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring at the various age groups. The totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

As in last year's report the deaths have been classified to conform with implementation of the World Health Organisation Nomenclature Regulations, 1948.

| CAUSES OF DEATHS.                          |  | Deaths at the sub-joined ages of "RESIDENTS" whether occurring in or beyond the District. |    |               |    |                |    |                 |    |                 |    |                 |    |                 |    |            |    |                                    |    |
|--------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|---------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|------------|----|------------------------------------|----|
|                                            |  | Under 1 year.                                                                             |    | 1 to 4 years. |    | 5 to 14 years. |    | 15 to 24 years. |    | 25 to 44 years. |    | 45 to 64 years. |    | 65 to 74 years. |    | 75 & over. |    | TOTAL Registrar General's figures. |    |
| M = Male.<br>F = Female.                   |  | M.                                                                                        | F. | M.            | F. | M.             | F. | M.              | F. | M.              | F. | M.              | F. | M.              | F. | M.         | F. | M.                                 | F. |
| 10. Malignant neoplasm, Stomach.           |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | -               | 1  | -               | 1  | 1               | 1  | 1          | 3  |                                    |    |
| 11. Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.    |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | 2               | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | 2          | -  |                                    |    |
| 12. Malignant neoplasm, Breast.            |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | -               | 2  | -               | 1  | -               | 1  | -          | 4  |                                    |    |
| 13. Malignant neoplasm, Uterus.            |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | -               | 1  | -               | -  | -          | 1  |                                    |    |
| 14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms. |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | 1  | 1               | -  | 1               | 2  | 4               | 2  | 6          | 5  |                                    |    |
| 15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.                 |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | -               | 1  | -               | -  | -          | 1  |                                    |    |
| 16. Diabetes.                              |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | 1               | -  | -               | -  | -               | 1  | 1          | 1  |                                    |    |
| 17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.    |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | 1               | 1  | 5               | 4  | 3               | 8  | 9          | 13 |                                    |    |
| 18. Coronary Disease, angina.              |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | 3               | 2  | 8               | 5  | 1               | 8  | 12         | 15 |                                    |    |
| 19. Hypertension with Heart Disease.       |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | 1               | -  | -               | 2  | 2               | 2  | 3          | 4  |                                    |    |
| 20. Other Heart Disease.                   |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | 2               | -  | 2               | 1  | 13              | 9  | 17         | 10 |                                    |    |
| 21. Other Circulatory Disease.             |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | 1               | 3  | 3               | 4  | 4          | 7  |                                    |    |
| 22. Influenza.                             |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | 1  | -               | -  | -               | 1  | 4               | -  | 4          | 2  |                                    |    |
| 23. Pneumonia.                             |  | 1                                                                                         | 1  | 1             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | 1               | 1  | -               | 3  | 3          | 5  |                                    |    |
| 24. Bronchitis.                            |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | 1               | -  | -               | 1  | 4               | 1  | 5          | 2  |                                    |    |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system.  |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | 1               | -  | 1          | -  |                                    |    |
| 26. Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum.           |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | 1               | -  | 1               | -  | -               | -  | 2          | -  |                                    |    |
| 27. Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea.      |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | 1  | -               | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | 1          | -  |                                    |    |
| 28. Nephritis & Nephrosis                  |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | -               | 1  | -               | -  | -          | 1  |                                    |    |
| 29. Hyperplasia of Prostate.               |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | 2               | -  | 2          | -  |                                    |    |
| 30. Pregnancy, childbirth & Abortion.      |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | 1  | -               | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | -          | 1  |                                    |    |
| 32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases.  |  | 2                                                                                         | 2  | -             | 1  | -              | -  | -               | -  | 1               | 2  | 1               | 2  | 4               | 6  | 8          | 13 |                                    |    |
| 33. Motor vehicle Accidents.               |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | 2               | -  | 1               | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | 3          | -  |                                    |    |
| 34. All other accidents.                   |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | 1              | -  | -               | -  | 3               | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | 4          | -  |                                    |    |
| 35. Suicide.                               |  | -                                                                                         | -  | -             | -  | -              | -  | -               | -  | -               | -  | 1               | 1  | -               | -  | 1          | 1  |                                    |    |
| Total:                                     |  | Males:                                                                                    |    | 3             | -  | 1              | -  | 1               | -  | 2               | -  | 5               | -  | 14              | -  | 21         | -  | 89                                 | -  |
|                                            |  | Females:                                                                                  |    | -             | 3  | -              | 1  | -               | -  | -               | 3  | -               | 8  | -               | 28 | -          | 46 | -                                  | 89 |



|                          | Rateable Value. | Penny Rate Product. | No. of Inhabited Houses. | Registrar General's Estimate Population. | Total Deaths. | Deaths under One Year. |                | Births.      |                | Stillbirths. |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|                          |                 |                     |                          |                                          |               | Legit-imate.           | Illegit-imate. | Legit-imate. | Illegit-imate. |              |
| 1936.                    | £34,082         | £136                | 4,020                    | 15,240                                   | 184           | 5                      | Nil            | 190          | 12             | 8 Nil        |
| 1937.                    | £37,521         | £170                | 4,074                    | 15,560                                   | 184           | 2                      | 2              | 214          | 8              | 7 2          |
| 1938.                    | £42,877         | £167                | 4,463                    | 15,470                                   | 192           | 3                      | 1              | 188          | 10             | 8 1          |
| 1939.                    | £43,798         | £194                | 4,683                    | 15,370                                   | 206           | 5                      | Nil            | 248          | 11             | 8 Nil        |
| 1940.                    | £53,231         | £230                | 4,974                    | 16,310                                   | 249           | 14                     | Nil            | 246          | 9              | 8 Nil        |
| 1941.                    | £49,943         | £223                | 4,954                    | 17,250                                   | 230           | 12                     | 1              | 283          | 27             | 4 4          |
| 1942.                    | £51,034         | £220                | 4,814                    | 17,220                                   | 210           | 14                     | 1              | 269          | 17             | 9 Nil        |
| 1943.                    | £52,971         | £225                | 4,820                    | 17,420                                   | 223           | 9                      | 1              | 271          | 35             | 6 Nil        |
| 1944.                    | £51,637         | £229                | 4,806                    | 16,960                                   | 234           | 18                     | 2              | 295          | 40             | 8 3          |
| 1945.                    | £53,244         | £224                | 4,870                    | 15,930                                   | 185           | 5                      | 3              | 245          | 48             | 5 1          |
| DECADE TOTALS.           | -               | -                   | -                        | -                                        | 2,097         | 87                     | 11             | 2,449        | 217            | 71 11        |
| DECADE ANNUAL AVERAGE.   | £47,034         | £202                | 4,648                    | 16,273                                   | 210           | 9                      | 1              | 245          | 22             | 7 1          |
| 1946.                    | £57,403         | £238                | 4,969                    | 16,120                                   | 173           | 6                      | 1              | 291          | 28             | 6 1          |
| 1947.                    | £57,994         | £255                | 5,050                    | 16,320                                   | 234           | 11                     | 1              | 321          | 23             | 8 2          |
| 1948.                    | £61,122         | £265                | 5,070                    | 16,630                                   | 200           | 13                     | 1              | 316          | 12             | 4 4          |
| 1949.                    | £53,692         | £270                | 5,050                    | 16,590                                   | 200           | 8                      | 1              | 265          | 10             | 7 Nil        |
| 1950.                    | £64,895         | £262                | 5,150                    | 17,260                                   | 193           | 6                      | Nil            | 295          | 14             | 8 Nil        |
| 1951.                    | £67,910         | £274                | 5,147                    | 18,140                                   | 230           | 8                      | 1              | 262          | 11             | 5 Nil        |
| 1952.                    | £67,766         | £278                | 5,204                    | 19,070                                   | 190           | 8                      | Nil            | 260          | 6              | 8 Nil        |
| 1953.                    | £69,094         | £283                | 5,335                    | 18,780                                   | 194           | 9                      | Nil            | 353          | 13             | 10 Nil       |
| 1954.                    | £71,276         | £294                | 5,451                    | 18,570                                   | 206           | 5                      | 1              | 283          | 18             | 7 Nil        |
| 1955.                    | £73,376         | £288                | 5,584                    | 19,260                                   | 178           | 6                      | Nil            | 272          | 12             | 7 Nil        |
| DECADE TOTALS.           | -               | -                   | -                        | -                                        | 1,998         | 80                     | 6              | 2,918        | 147            | 70 7         |
| DECADE ANNUAL AVERAGE.   | £64,453         | £271                | 5,201                    | 17,674                                   | 200           | 8                      | 0.6            | 292          | 15             | 7 0.7        |
| Compare with April 1956. | £105,276        | £410                | (New Assessments).       |                                          |               |                        |                |              |                |              |

1936  
to  
1945.

1946  
to  
1955.



SECTION B.  
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, under the directorship of Dr. R. M. Fry, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

Dr. S. Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tenison Road, Cambridge, gives a similar, efficient, helpful service when chemical analyses are required.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. These services since July 1953 have been provided directly by the County Council under the direction of Dr. D. A. McCracken, the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. These are not the responsibility of the Rural District Council.

(e) HOSPITALS. The use of hospitals by Thingoe residents is indicated by the following information with regard to live births and deaths.

Of the 284 live births to Thingoe residents, 131 (47%) occurred at their own home. The remaining 153 births took place outside of Thingoe, of which the great majority occurred at the hospitals in Bury St. Edmunds and Newmarket.

82 (46%) of the 178 deaths of Thingoe Residents in 1955 occurred at Hospitals as under:-

- 33 West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.
- 41 St. Mary's Hospital, " " "
- 1 Newmarket General Hospital, Exning.
- 2 Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.
- 1 Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.
- 1 West Norfolk & King's Lynn Hospital.
- 1 Chelmsford Hospital, Chelmsford.
- 1 Cottage Hospital, Thetford.
- 1 Harold Wood Hospital, Harold Wood.

SECTION C.  
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. The completion of the major part of the Council's Comprehensive Water Scheme was marked, on the 15th April, 1955, by an official opening ceremony. Representatives of local authorities and contractors, together with Thingoe Councillors, attended to see Councillor Ald. H. J. Brown, Chairman of the Council, invite W. F. Deedes, Esq., M.C., M.P. Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, officially to declare the Scheme in being.

Councillor Mr. N. R. Whitwell, Chairman of the Water Committee, who, on behalf of the Council, has piloted the Scheme to completion, expressed his very great disappointment that after their several years of work together Mr. W. E. Blizzard, the engineer, who conceived this Comprehensive Scheme - of primary importance to Thingoe and to its neighbouring authorities - was prevented from being present by illness - which was to prove fatal before the Scheme was officially declared completed in June 1956.

During 1955 main laying proceeded satisfactorily and a further 18.5 miles were completed by the end of the year forming part of the last contract to be let as part of the Comprehensive Scheme.

The smaller pumping stations were gradually closed down as the mains spread into new areas. At the end of the year the only small plants remaining in operation were at Ingham, Nowton and Whepstead. Subsequently, at the end of February 1956, the Nowton and Whepstead Stations were closed and finally in June 1956 the last of these small stations, that at Ingham, was disused so that the Council now only operates the Comprehensive Scheme.



The total production of water rose from 145 million gallons during 1954 to 227 million during 1955. Much of this increase was distributed into the areas of neighbouring authorities, but the rapid upward trend is indicative of the success of the policy of the Councils in West Suffolk of making a wholesome piped supply of water available to the general countryside. By March of 1956 the daily average consumption in Thingoe had risen to 372,000 gallons as compared with 182,000 in 1954.

A small amount of water continued to be purchased from other sources - mainly from the Borough of Bury St. Edmunds for the parishes of Westley and Fornham All Saints.

A very large quantity is supplied to neighbouring R.D.C's. By March 1956 the daily sales to these authorities had risen to 356,000 gallons - it was 236,800 in 1954.

Samples were taken regularly to check the bacterial condition of the water being supplied and all water as previously was chlorinated before release into the mains.

Chemical analyses from pumping stations were as follows:-

| Site.       | Bact.  | Chemical (parts per 100,000) |                |          |          |           |     |
|-------------|--------|------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|
|             |        | Cl <sub>2</sub>              | O <sub>2</sub> | Nitrate. | Nitrite. | Hardness. | pH  |
| Ixworth.    | Satis. | 4.6                          | 0.0643         | Absent.  | Absent.  | 28.6      | 7.2 |
| Risby.      | Satis. | 2.20                         | 0.0365         | 0.54     | Absent.  | 26.0      | 7.2 |
| Rushbrooke. | Satis. | 2.25                         | 0.0329         | 0.10     | Absent.  | 27.9      | 7.1 |

141 bacteriological analyses taken during the year 1955 gave the following results:-

| Bacteriological Water Samples. | Satisfactory. | Unsatisfactory. |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| From mains prior to use.       | 11            | Nil             |
| From Public Supplies.          | 95            | 12              |
| From Private Supplies.         | 7             | 16              |

The 12 unsatisfactory results recorded in Public Supplies included 9 that were not from the Comprehensive Scheme (5 at Ingham and 4 from Whepstead Council Estate Supplies - both of these supplies have since been superseded by the Comprehensive Scheme) and 3 from the Comprehensive Scheme (2 attributable to putting in new sections and 1 taken from a standpipe) - satisfactory repeat samples in these cases were immediately obtained.

The table on the following page shows for each parish the number and percentage of houses which at the end of 1955 had a public piped water supply available, differentiating between those with the supply into the house and those within 200 feet of a standpipe.

The 56 houses listed on that table as within 200 feet of standpipes pay standpipe charge of 2/6d. in the £ of rateable value of the house (as opposed to those charged 3/- in the £ for a full domestic supply, i.e. water into the house). There are other houses, not included in these figures, where water is carried from a metered supply of the adjoining farm house - in this way a further 124 houses are making use of the public supply. In all, therefore, 3,301 houses (59%) used the public supplies in 1955.

Progress in houses supplied with water since the Public Inquiry into the proposed Comprehensive Scheme held in November 1947 has been:-

| YEAR. | PIPED SUPPLY TO HOUSE. |     | USING STANDPIPE WITHIN 200 FEET. |    |
|-------|------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|----|
|       | Number.                | %   | Number.                          | %  |
| 1955. | 3,121                  | 56% | 56                               | 1% |
| 1954. | 2,409                  | 44% | 157                              | 3% |
| 1953. | 1,911                  | 36% | 218                              | 4% |
| 1952. | 1,575                  | 30% | 263                              | 5% |
| 1951. | 1,407                  | 27% | 268                              | 5% |
| 1950. | 1,093                  | 21% | 269                              | 5% |
| 1949. | 804                    | 16% | 369                              | 7% |
| 1948. | 511                    | 10% | 384                              | 8% |
| 1947. | 379                    | 8%  | 403                              | 8% |



| H O U S E S   I N   P A R I S H |        |                                           |       |    |                                  |    |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|-------|----|----------------------------------|----|
| PARISH.                         | TOTAL. | HOUSES ON PIPED SUPPLY<br>AT END OF 1955. |       |    | WITHIN 200 FEET OF<br>STANDPIPE. |    |
|                                 |        |                                           |       | %  |                                  | %  |
| Ampton.                         | 34     | -                                         | (-)   | -  | -                                | -  |
| Bardwell.                       | 226    | 118                                       | (13)  | 52 | -                                | -  |
| Barrow.                         | 264    | 161                                       | (19)  | 61 | 11                               | 4  |
| Barton, Great.                  | 292    | 189                                       | (100) | 64 | -                                | -  |
| Barnham.                        | 115    | 74                                        | (4)   | 64 | -                                | -  |
| Barningham.                     | 174    | 126                                       | (46)  | 72 | -                                | -  |
| Bradfield Combust.              | 40     | 27                                        | (-)   | 68 | 4                                | 10 |
| Bradfield St.Clare.             | 54     | 30                                        | (16)  | 55 | -                                | -  |
| Bradfield St.George.            | 115    | 73                                        | (2)   | 63 | -                                | -  |
| Brockley.                       | 69     | 48                                        | (8)   | 70 | -                                | -  |
| Chedburgh.                      | 70     | 47                                        | (-)   | 67 | -                                | -  |
| Chevington.                     | 137    | 69                                        | (-)   | 50 | -                                | -  |
| Coney Weston.                   | 50     | 24                                        | (9)   | 48 | -                                | -  |
| Culford.                        | 94     | 18                                        | (1)   | 19 | -                                | -  |
| Denham.                         | 57     | 37                                        | (14)  | 65 | -                                | -  |
| Euston.                         | 73     | 33                                        | (1)   | 45 | -                                | -  |
| Fakenham Magna.                 | 47     | 4                                         | (2)   | 9  | -                                | -  |
| Flempton.                       | 59     | 31                                        | (31)  | 53 | -                                | -  |
| Fornham All Saints.             | 96     | 42                                        | (3)   | 44 | -                                | -  |
| Fornham St.Geneveve.            | 18     | 4                                         | (-)   | 22 | -                                | -  |
| Fornham St. Martin.             | 134    | 88                                        | (12)  | 66 | -                                | -  |
| Hardwick.                       | 3      | -                                         | (-)   | -  | -                                | -  |
| Hargrave.                       | 87     | 69                                        | (8)   | 79 | -                                | -  |
| Hawstead.                       | 86     | 50                                        | (49)  | 58 | -                                | -  |
| Hengrave.                       | 55     | 14                                        | (-)   | 25 | -                                | -  |
| Hepworth.                       | 122    | 65                                        | (15)  | 53 | -                                | -  |
| Honington.                      | 112    | 68                                        | (22)  | 61 | -                                | -  |
| Hopton.                         | 137    | 116                                       | (7)   | 85 | -                                | -  |
| Horringer.                      | 154    | 79                                        | (-)   | 55 | -                                | -  |
| Ickworth.                       | 16     | -                                         | (-)   | -  | -                                | -  |
| Ingham.                         | 95     | 59                                        | (9)   | 62 | 8                                | 8  |
| Ixworth.                        | 315    | 246                                       | (45)  | 78 | 20                               | 6  |
| Knettishall.                    | 21     | 9                                         | (-)   | 43 | -                                | -  |
| Lackford.                       | 48     | -                                         | (-)   | -  | -                                | -  |
| Livermere, Great.               | 76     | 51                                        | (51)  | 67 | -                                | -  |
| Livermere, Little.              | 34     | -                                         | (-)   | -  | -                                | -  |
| Market Weston.                  | 62     | 20                                        | (7)   | 32 | -                                | -  |
| Nowton.                         | 60     | 6                                         | (-)   | 10 | -                                | -  |
| Pakenham.                       | 255    | 152                                       | (37)  | 60 | -                                | -  |
| Rede.                           | 51     | 33                                        | (17)  | 65 | -                                | -  |
| Risby.                          | 161    | 129                                       | (43)  | 80 | -                                | -  |
| Rougham.                        | 255    | 161                                       | (25)  | 63 | -                                | -  |
| Rushbrooke.                     | 34     | 1                                         | (-)   | 3  | -                                | -  |
| Sapiston.                       | 46     | 2                                         | (2)   | 4  | -                                | -  |
| Saxham, Great.                  | 56     | 23                                        | (-)   | 41 | -                                | -  |
| Saxham, Little.                 | 43     | 25                                        | (5)   | 58 | -                                | -  |
| Stanningfield.                  | 79     | 63                                        | (7)   | 80 | -                                | -  |
| Stanton.                        | 276    | 148                                       | (19)  | 54 | -                                | -  |
| Stow, West.                     | 51     | 12                                        | (12)  | 24 | -                                | -  |
| Thelnotham.                     | 79     | 26                                        | (22)  | 33 | -                                | -  |
| Thorpe, Ixworth.                | 27     | 11                                        | (11)  | 41 | -                                | -  |
| Timworth.                       | 32     | -                                         | (-)   | -  | -                                | -  |
| Troston.                        | 72     | 61                                        | (-)   | 85 | -                                | -  |
| Westley.                        | 28     | 26                                        | (1)   | 93 | -                                | -  |
| Whelnetham, Great.              | 156    | 102                                       | (25)  | 65 | 4                                | 3  |
| Whelnetham, Little.             | 45     | 28                                        | (1)   | 62 | -                                | -  |
| Whepstead.                      | 124    | 21                                        | (12)  | 17 | 9                                | 7  |
| Wordwell.                       | 11     | 2                                         | (-)   | 18 | -                                | -  |
|                                 | 5,584  | 3,121                                     | (732) | 56 | 56                               | 1  |

The figures in brackets in the second column are of houses supplied for the first time during 1955.

In the few cases where bore well water from the Comprehensive Scheme is not readily available and a new baby is arriving, arrangements are made to test the well supply of the house, prior to the making up of the infants' feeds (when breast feeding is not possible), for the presence of nitrates in order to avoid the danger of Methaemoglobinaemia.



(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. One new village scheme of sewerage, that for Bardwell, was completed during the year. The Quaker Lane Estate houses, several years after their completion, were thus provided with sewerage facilities. Four post-war houses in School Lane were brought onto the sewer thereby allowing the disuse of a septic tank which has been a source of trouble for several years.

Except at Honington all Council houses built during the year have been provided with complete amenities and sewerage has been provided in all cases.

At Honington considerable delay has ensued due to approval to carry out a village sewerage scheme being withheld. 8 houses completed in 1951 are still without drainage facilities as are a further 8 completed in 1954.

Approval to proceed with Stage I of the scheme was received towards the end of 1955 and it is hoped that by the end of 1956 the lack of these amenities will have been rectified.

Schemes for sewerage the villages of Hopton and Rougham are delayed because of the restriction of capital expenditure. Approval, in principle, has been received for a scheme for the village of Stanton. Stage I for the sewerage of a new housing estate of 36 houses and the provision of a pumping station, ultimately to serve the whole village, received formal approval early in the new year. The existing sewage works at the R.A.F. Station, Stanton, will be used to treat the effluent.

Agreement has been reached between the Council and the Air Ministry for a joint sewage disposal works at Barnham. This agreement by 1957 may have made it possible for the Council to undertake a scheme for the sewerage of the village.

Good progress is being made with the provision of indoor taps, sinks and soakaway drainage to pre-war Council houses,

By the end of March 1956 more than half the pre-war Council houses had been provided with sink, tap and some form of drainage, viz:-

|                         |    |    |            |
|-------------------------|----|----|------------|
| Provided prior to 1955  | .. | .. | 137        |
| Provided during 1955/56 | .. | .. | 125        |
|                         |    |    | <u>262</u> |

Approval from the Minister is being sought to provide similar facilities to the remainder of the pre-war houses,

The table on the following page shows the progress made towards the provision of drainage throughout the district. It will be seen that a further 137 houses were given a water carriage system for the first time.

The task of maintaining the sewage plants has greatly increased. There are 9 village sewerage schemes and a further 31 smaller plants sewerage housing estates.

In order that good effluents are produced and no nuisance arises a team of a foreman and 4 men are employed to maintain the works. The Council has provided two portable pumps, an Austin pick-up and a cesspool emptier for use in this work and is fortunate in having in charge Mr. B. Hunt, an energetic and capable foreman. This gang is also responsible for maintaining the grass areas on Council estates, waterworks and sewage works in good condition and attend to hedging and ditching as required.

The cesspool emptier has been showing signs of wear for some time and is becoming expensive to maintain. The Council has therefore agreed to acquire a new vehicle. A Ford Thames with Eagle body and diesel engine was ordered in 1956.

The necessity for this will be apparent from the figures on page 10 which show that the number of cesspools emptied during 1955 increased to 483 from the 1954 figure of 380. Present indications are that the 1956 figure will at least equal the increased 1955 number.

The difficulty, which previously existed to ensure that the contents of the cesspool emptier were disposed of in a satisfactory manner, has been resolved with the provision of the various sewage works now provided by the Council. Use is made of our sewers for this disposal except in cases where the owner wishes to make use of the contents on a suitable piece of land in his possession.



HOUSES  
CONNECTED TO SEWERAGE SYSTEMS.

| PARISH.               | TOTAL<br>HOUSES<br>IN<br>PARISH. | ADDED DURING 1955. |          |        | On prior to<br>1955. | Total at<br>end of<br>1955. |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
|                       |                                  | PRIVATE.           | COUNCIL. | TOTAL. |                      |                             |
| Bardwell.             | 226                              | 8                  | 32       | 40     | 4                    | 44                          |
| Barnham.              | 115                              | -                  | 6        | 6      | 8                    | 14                          |
| Barningham.           | 174                              | 1                  | 20       | 21     | 41                   | 62                          |
| Barrow.               | 264                              | 7                  | 2        | 9      | 85                   | 94                          |
| Barton, Great.        | 292                              | -                  | -        | -      | 18                   | 18                          |
| Bradfield St. Clare.  | 54                               | -                  | -        | -      | 11                   | 11                          |
| Bradfield St. George. | 115                              | -                  | 6        | 6      | 12                   | 18                          |
| Brockley.             | 69                               | -                  | -        | -      | 8                    | 8                           |
| Chedburgh.            | 70                               | -                  | -        | -      | 22                   | 22                          |
| Chevington.           | 137                              | -                  | -        | -      | 18                   | 18                          |
| Denham.               | 57                               | -                  | -        | -      | 8                    | 8                           |
| Euston.               | 73                               | -                  | -        | -      | 3                    | 3                           |
| Flempton.             | 59                               | -                  | -        | -      | 18                   | 18                          |
| Fornham All Saints.   | 96                               | 2                  | -        | 2      | 69                   | 71                          |
| Fornham St. Martin.   | 134                              | -                  | 21       | 21     | 18                   | 39                          |
| Hargrave.             | 87                               | -                  | -        | -      | 20                   | 20                          |
| Hawstead.             | 86                               | -                  | -        | -      | 8                    | 8                           |
| Hengrave.             | 55                               | -                  | -        | -      | 15                   | 15                          |
| Hepworth.             | 122                              | -                  | -        | -      | 8                    | 8                           |
| Hopton.               | 137                              | -                  | -        | -      | 7                    | 7                           |
| Ingham.               | 95                               | -                  | -        | -      | 7                    | 7                           |
| Ixworth.              | 315                              | 6                  | -        | 6      | 160                  | 166                         |
| Livermere, Great.     | 76                               | -                  | 12       | 12     | 6                    | 18                          |
| Nowton.               | 60                               | -                  | -        | -      | 6                    | 6                           |
| Pakenham.             | 255                              | -                  | 2        | 2      | 44                   | 46                          |
| Rede.                 | 51                               | -                  | -        | -      | 18                   | 18                          |
| Risby.                | 161                              | -                  | 4        | 4      | 29                   | 33                          |
| Rougham.              | 255                              | -                  | 2        | 2      | 33                   | 35                          |
| Rushbrooke.           | 34                               | -                  | -        | -      | -                    | -                           |
| Saxham, Great.        | 56                               | -                  | -        | -      | 6                    | 6                           |
| Stanningfield.        | 79                               | 1                  | 4        | 5      | 17                   | 22                          |
| Stanton.              | 276                              | -                  | -        | -      | 17                   | 17                          |
| Troston.              | 72                               | -                  | -        | -      | 8                    | 8                           |
| Wheltenham, Great.    | 156                              | 1                  | -        | 1      | 63                   | 64                          |
| Wordwell.             | 11                               | -                  | -        | -      | 2                    | 2                           |
|                       | 4,374                            | 26                 | 111      | 137    | 817                  | 954                         |

954 houses on sewerage out of a total of 5,584 occupied houses in the District represents 17.1% - if this is compared with the 3,121 houses (56%) which have a piped water supply into the house, the further sewerage progress now necessary is indicated, although allowance must be made for individual and often isolated houses already converted to satisfactory private cesspool drainage.

At the head of the following page the results of effluent samples taken during 1955 are noted.

The figure can be compared with the Royal Commission Standard:-

|                           | Suspended<br>Solids. | 5 Days<br>B.O.D. |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Royal Commission Standard | 3.0                  | 2.0              |

It will be noted that the results are, with the exception of Chevington, remarkably good. It is likely that in succeeding years more samples will be taken by the River Board whose duty it is to require the maintenance of standards of purity of effluent which finds its way into the river.

The rate of provision of further public sewage schemes is, of course, linked to the present financial position of the country.

The increase in the number of individual houses provided with satisfactory cesspool drainage has been accelerated by including the cost of such provision in the sum which ranks for grant when Improvement Grants for houses under the Housing (Improvement) Act 1949/54 have been given. The number of houses improved by grant during the year is recorded on page 16 as 39 - prior to 1955 there had been 68 houses improved by grant.



# RESULTS OF EFFLUENT SAMPLES DURING 1955.

|                     | Suspended Solids.<br>Parts per 100,000. | 5 days<br>B.O.D. |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Chevington.         | 2.45                                    | 2.50             |
| Chedburgh.          | 1.05                                    | 0.69             |
| Barrow.             | 1.60                                    | 0.77             |
| Ixworth.            | 1.20                                    | 0.72             |
| Fornham St. Martin. | 2.35                                    | 0.96             |
| Knettishall.        | 1.85                                    | 1.58             |

As mentioned earlier, cesspool emptying is carried on at Council plants, but a private service is also available for which a charge of £2 per single load and 10/- for subsequent loads is made.

Cesspools emptied during the year were as follows:-

|                                |    |    | 1955.      | 1954.      |
|--------------------------------|----|----|------------|------------|
| Council Housing Sites .. ..    | .. | .. | 124        | 115        |
| Private within District .. ..  | .. | .. | 341        | 251        |
| Private outside District .. .. | .. | .. | 18         | 14         |
|                                |    |    | <u>483</u> | <u>380</u> |

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS. A new scheme of sewage disposal prepared by the Bury St. Edmunds Borough Council for works in this Council's area is awaiting Public Enquiry - these will replace the Borough Council Sewage Works at West Stow and will remove a source of river pollution.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. Gradually the pail closets are being superceded by water carriage systems and private septic tanks and cesspools are being installed with the advent of piped water. The previous tables under Sewerage show the use being made of public sewers, but do not indicate the extent of conversion to cesspool systems by private individuals.

All new houses built since the war have been provided with water carriage of some form and the figure of 17.1% having service of a sewer does not in any way represent the total number having flush closets or bathrooms.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING. As in previous years a weekly collection of refuse has been provided in Barrow, Great Barton, Hopton, Ixworth, Pakenham and Stanton with a fortnightly collection in the remaining 52 parishes. Two vehicles and six men are engaged on the service and the small number of complaints received testifies to the standard of collection.

One side load "Dennis" 12 yard vehicle is used for the more outlying areas and a 15 cubic yard Scammel rear loader for the shorter hauls.

The Scammel which has been in service for 10 years is to be disposed of in 1956 when a Karrier 4 wheel articulated vehicle will be substituted for the cesspool emptier.

The use of unsuitable containers for household refuse causes some concern both from the public health standpoint and to the men handling. The Council considered the problem and agreed to include money in the next estimates for the provision of dustbins at an annual charge to the householders.

Refuse tips have been maintained in a reasonably satisfactory condition - steps being taken to control tip pests. The tractor has been most useful for levelling operations, but the lack of suitable covering material is still a problem. Tip fires have occurred due to the high paper content of the refuse, although, as will be seen from the salvage, a considerable increase in the collection of waste paper has taken place.

Stability in mileage has not yet been reached, an increase of 2,000 miles occurring in 1955.

There was also a considerable increase in the amount of refuse collected, this figure reaching the estimated level of 8,816 cubic yards.

The concentrating of families on Council estates, which thus brings them into the orbit of regular refuse collection, tends to increase the quantity for collection, as also does the surprise requests which are still being made, after 10 years of operation, from a few isolated properties which only now are asking for the service.



## REFUSE COLLECTED FOR LAST FIVE YEARS.

| Year. | Mileage. | Volume. |
|-------|----------|---------|
| 1951. | 17,574   | 5,327   |
| 1952. | 19,432   | 5,719   |
| 1953. | 19,821   | 5,831   |
| 1954. | 20,240   | 6,388   |
| 1955. | 22,329   | 8,816   |

Householders were circularised, with their rate demands, asking for co-operation to increase the waste paper collections. The result was appreciable as will be seen from the following table. More paper was collected during 1955 than in any other year since collection began and the value of the salvage collections was surpassed in 1951 only.

## FIVE YEARS SALVAGE COLLECTIONS.

| Year. | £. s. d.     | Paper Cwts. | Rags. Cwts. | Scrap. Cwts. |
|-------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1951. | 496. 17. 10. | 768         | 13.5        | 141.5        |
| 1952. | 212. 19. 6.  | 418         | 7.0         | 26.5         |
| 1953. | 75. 6. 5.    | 341         | 10.75       | 132.5        |
| 1954. | 128. 0. 1.   | 295         | 16.00       | 54.5         |
| 1955. | 466. 11. 0.  | 822.5       | 15.2        | 222.6        |

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA. The following table shows the number of inspections made by the Sanitary Inspectors:-

| <u>Premises Inspected.</u> | <u>Inspections.</u> | <u>Re-Inspections.</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Bakehouses (mech).         | 11                  | -                      |
| Bakehouses (non-mech).     | 1                   | 1                      |
| Cesspools, etc.            | 9                   | -                      |
| Dairies.                   | 2                   | -                      |
| Drains - Inspected.        | 164                 | -                      |
| Water Tests.               | 111                 | -                      |
| Factories (mech).          | 33                  | 2                      |
| Factories (non-mech).      | 1                   | -                      |
| Fireworks premises.        | 6                   | -                      |
| Food Premises: Butchers.   | 36                  | 198                    |
| Smalls Manufacturers.      | 9                   | 243                    |
| Fried Fish.                | 1                   | -                      |
| Ice-Cream.                 | 9                   | -                      |
| Public Houses.             | 21                  | 5                      |
| Cafes.                     | 5                   | 1                      |
| General Stores.            | 75                  | -                      |
| Houses - On Complaint.     | 106                 | 6                      |
| Recording.                 | 106                 | 1                      |
| Council.                   | 58                  | -                      |
| Overcrowding.              | 11                  | -                      |
| Improvement Grant.         | 498                 | 22                     |
| * Verminous.               | 8                   | -                      |
| Infectious Disease.        | 2                   | -                      |
| Interviews.                | 97                  | -                      |
| Miscellaneous Visits.      | 115                 | -                      |
| Moveable Dwellings.        | 9                   | -                      |
| Notices served - Informal. | 4                   | -                      |
| New Buildings.             | 122                 | 707                    |
| Outworkers.                | 1                   | -                      |
| Petroleum.                 | 12                  | -                      |
| Piggeries.                 | 2                   | -                      |
| Ponds and Ditches.         | 11                  | 14                     |
| Refuse Collection          | 4                   | -                      |
| Rats and Mice:             |                     |                        |
| Domestic.                  | 3                   | -                      |
| Agricultural.              | 8                   | 3                      |
| Shops - Shops Act.         | 5                   | -                      |
| Slaughterhouses.           | 33                  | 64                     |
| Schools.                   | 6                   | -                      |
| Sewers and Sewage Works.   | 34                  | 258                    |
| Tips.                      | 4                   | 13                     |
| Vans - Meat.               | 4                   | 1                      |
| Ice-Cream.                 | 3                   | -                      |
| Fried Fish.                | 2                   | -                      |
| Water Supply.              | 46                  | -                      |
| Workplaces.                | 1                   | -                      |
| Works in Progress.         | 286                 | 3                      |
| Demolition Orders.         | 10                  | 52                     |
|                            | 2,110               | 1,594                  |

\* These visits were made to check freedom from infection after flea-infected houses had been successfully treated by the Council's operator, with Cooper McDougal Multispray.



WRITTEN NOTICES.

|                                        |    |    |        |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|----|--------|----|
| Notices outstanding 1st January, 1955. | .. | .. | ..     | 28 |
| Served during 1955                     | .. | .. | ..     | 35 |
|                                        |    |    | Total: | 63 |
| Complied with during 1955              | .. | .. | ..     | 43 |
| Outstanding 31st December, 1955.       | .. |    |        | 20 |

FACTORIES ACT.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

| Premises.                                                                                                         | Number<br>on<br>Register. | Number of    |                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                                                                   |                           | Inspections. | Written<br>Notices. | Occupiers<br>Prosecuted. |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.                             | 11                        | 1            | 1                   | Nil                      |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.                         | 50                        | 45           | 1                   | Nil                      |
| iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority<br>* (excluding out-workers' premises). | 5                         | 5            | 3                   | Nil                      |
|                                                                                                                   | 66                        | 51           | 5                   | Nil                      |

\* i.e. Electrical Stations (Sections 103 (1) ), Institutions, (Section 104 and sites of Building Operations and Works if Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108)).

Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars.                                 | Number of cases in which defects were found. |           |                                   |                       | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                              | Found.                                       | Remedied. | Reported.<br>To H.M.<br>Inspector | By H.M.<br>Inspector. |                                                     |
| Want of Cleanliness (S.1)                    | 2                                            | 2         | Nil                               | 2                     | Nil                                                 |
| Insufficient sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)(a) | 1                                            | 1         | Nil                               | 1                     | Nil                                                 |
| Insufficient washing facilities.             | Nil                                          | Nil       | Nil                               | Nil                   | Nil                                                 |
|                                              | 3                                            | 3         | Nil                               | 3                     | Nil                                                 |

OUTWORK.

| Nature of Work.                                                                       | M/c.<br>Line No. | No. of Out-workers<br>in August list<br>required by Sect.<br>110 (1) (a). | No. of cases of<br>default in<br>sending lists<br>to Council. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wearing apparel (Making etc.)                                                         | 13               | 4                                                                         | Nil                                                           |
| Making boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper. | 34               | 43                                                                        | Nil                                                           |

The 43 Outworkers noted above are employed by the local firm, Messrs. Wizard Fireworks, Ltd., Chedburgh, Nr. Bury St. Edmunds, whilst the four wearing apparel outworkers are employed by firms at Bradford and Manchester.



(iv) SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Shops, except in the larger villages such as Ixworth, Barrow and Stanton, are of the general stores type, catering for all needs - from food to paraffin oil - in usually very restricted premises. As the shopkeeper often manages without additional employees, the standard of personal hygiene is fairly good, despite the difficulty of providing sinks and drainage in villages without sewers. The Food Hygiene Regulations in such villages are not always practical and exemption certificates must be issued.

(v) CAMPING SITES.

The largest camping sites in our area, those at Honington and Shepherd's Grove, Stanton, are under the control of the Air Ministry.

A licensed site, for 6 vans, used in connection with the seasonal employment of farm workers exists at Barnham and another at West Stow for 3 vans.

There are no other caravan groupings in the District, but applications for the stationing of individual caravans are received and considered.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT.

The only case reported during the year as one of smoke nuisance occurred at Chedburgh where a newly established company engaged in the recovery of metal from cases and wires used the method of firing the casings, to leave the wires exposed after three days' burning. Their attention being called to the complaint the method was abandoned.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no swimming baths in the area.

(viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No cases were reported during the year.

(ix) COCKROACH INFESTATION.

No cases were reported during the year.

(x) RODENT CONTROL.

As in previous years rodent control continued to be undertaken by one operator equipped with a motor cycle and toolbox combination. The amount of work accomplished can be assessed from the copy of his twelve month report which is on the following page.

(xi) RAG, FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

No change.

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Section 47, National Assistance Act.

From time to time during the year cases have arisen where elderly persons have been thought to be unable to devote to themselves sufficient care and attention. Such cases are seen by the Welfare Officers on the County Medical Officer's staff who try to persuade them to enter hospital or "Part III" accommodation. Where the person is unwilling the cases are referred to me, as the District Medical Officer can take action under Section 47, National Assistance Act. All cases so referred during 1955 responded to further persuasion by the Welfare Officers and myself, so that they entered voluntarily without our having recourse to magistrates or Court.



Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.Report for 12 months ended 31st March, 1956.Name of Local Authority .. Thingoe R.D.C. ..... County West Suffolk .....

|                                                                                      | Type of Property.                 |                           |                              |                                  |                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                                      | Non-Agricultural                  |                           |                              |                                  |                          |
|                                                                                      | 1.<br>Local<br>Authority.         | 2.<br>Dwelling<br>Houses. | 3.<br>All other<br>Premises. | 4.<br>Total of<br>Cols.1, 2 & 3. | 5.<br>Agricult-<br>ural. |
| 1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District Notes 1 & 2.                   | 35                                | 5,584                     | 477                          | 6,096                            | 386                      |
| 2. Number of properties inspected as a result of                                     |                                   |                           |                              |                                  |                          |
| a. Notification                                                                      | Nil                               | 58                        | 6                            | 64                               | 2                        |
| b. Survey under Act                                                                  | 35                                | 547                       | Nil                          | 2,036                            | 15                       |
| c. Otherwise.                                                                        | Nil                               | 99                        | 10                           | 109                              | 152                      |
| 3. Total inspections carried out, including re-inspections.                          | Nil                               | Nil                       | Nil                          | Nil                              | Nil                      |
| 4. Number of properties inspected in Sec.2 which were found to be infested :         |                                   |                           |                              |                                  |                          |
| a. Rats Major                                                                        | Nil                               | Nil                       | Nil                          | Nil                              | Nil                      |
| Minor                                                                                | 35                                | 90                        | 6                            | 131                              | 2                        |
| b. Mice Major                                                                        | Nil                               | Nil                       | Nil                          | Nil                              | Nil                      |
| Minor                                                                                | Nil                               | 4                         | Nil                          | 4                                | Nil                      |
| 5. Number of infested properties (Sec.4) treated by L.A.                             | 35                                | 94                        | 6                            | 135                              | 2                        |
| 6. Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments.                           | N O T            R E C O R D E D. |                           |                              |                                  |                          |
| 7. Number of notices served under Sec.4 of the Act. a. Treatment b. Structural Work. | Nil<br>Nil                        | Nil<br>Nil                | Nil<br>Nil                   | Nil<br>Nil                       | Nil<br>Nil               |
| 8. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of notice.  | Nil                               | Nil                       | Nil                          | Nil                              | Nil                      |
| 9. Legal Proceedings                                                                 | Nil                               | Nil                       | Nil                          | Nil                              | Nil                      |
| 10. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out.                                   | Nil                               | 21                        | Nil                          | Nil                              | Nil                      |

Note 1. With the exception of agricultural properties, a property means one which is entered separately in the Valuation Roll for the area.

Note 2.(1). Premises used by the L.A. for the purposes of trade should be entered in Col.(3)

(2) Sewers should not be included.

(3) Combined dwelling and business premises, where occupied by the same person, should be regarded as business premises and should be entered in separate occupation, separate entries should be made in Cols.2 and 3.

Note 3. For the purpose of completing Sections 2, 4 and 5, each property should be entered once only in respect of inspections, infestations or treatments.



SECTION D.  
H O U S I N G.

|                                                                                                                                                                                            |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. (1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). (Including Council Houses)                                                  | 1,558 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose                                                                                                                                             | 1,572 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.                                    | 67    |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose                                                                                                                                             | 67    |
| (3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.                                                               | 46    |
| (4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. (Including Council houses) | 1,512 |
| 2. <u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice.</u>                                                                                                              |       |
| Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers (including Council houses).                                     | 1,471 |
| 3. <u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>                                                                 |       |
| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.                                                                                                    | Nil   |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-                                                                                                      |       |
| (a) By Owners                                                                                                                                                                              | Nil   |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners                                                                                                                                                | Nil   |
| <u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts.</u>                                                                                                                                               |       |
| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.                                                                                     | 1     |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.                                                                                               |       |
| (a) By Owners                                                                                                                                                                              | 7     |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners                                                                                                                                                | 1     |
| Outstanding at end of year                                                                                                                                                                 | Nil   |
| <u>Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>                                                                                                                       |       |
| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which                                                                                                                                           |       |
| (a) Demolition Orders were made                                                                                                                                                            | 13    |
| (b) Undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation.                                                                                                                              | 7     |
| (c) Undertakings cancelled upon completion of work.                                                                                                                                        | 11    |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.                                                                                                                 | 16    |
| <u>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>                                                                                                                              |       |
| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made.                                                                                                                 | Nil   |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders.                                                                                                                        | Nil   |



4. Housing Act. - Part IV - Overcrowding.

|     |                                                                                                                                                               |     |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (a) | (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year                                                                                                    | 3   |
|     | (ii) Number of families dwelling therein                                                                                                                      | 3   |
|     | (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein                                                                                                                      | 20  |
| (b) | Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year                                                                                                  | Nil |
| (c) | (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year                                                                                                  | Nil |
|     | (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases                                                                                                                | Nil |
| (d) | Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority having taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | Nil |

The appointment of Mr. Lewis on June 6th, 1955, has already been noted. This Sanitary Inspector has devoted almost his whole time to two housing activities:-

- (1) Inspection of houses for action under Section 11 (individual unfit house) procedure.
- (2) Investigation of improvement grant applications.

Activities under item (i) included complete surveys of the villages of Barrow, Horringer and Stanton, so that the new house building programme schedule for these villages might be planned to provide accommodation for persons likely to be displaced through the closure and demolition of unfit houses.

The Council has decided on a building programme of 80 new Council houses per annum. These are all to be devoted to rehousing those displaced by slum clearance procedure - for the other general housing needs of the District the Council will rely on the casual vacancies which occur in their Council houses - these are estimated to amount to 50 or 60 vacancies a year.

Consideration has also been given to the special problem of rehousing aged persons from unfit houses and negotiations are proceeding with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the County Council with a view to erecting a type of bed sitting room accommodation in blocks.

The work necessary under Item (2) can be indicated by stating that in the financial year beginning April 1955 there were 45 applications for Improvement Grants involving 61 properties. After due consideration the Council approved 41 of these applications relating to 56 properties and involving grant to a total of £14,414. Of these applications 29, relating to 39 properties, were completed during the year and therefore qualified to obtain a total of £10,045 in grant.

Three of the remaining four applications were refused and one was deferred.

As Council houses totalled 1,099 by the end of 1955, the inspections made for disrepair to these houses, have, as in previous years, been included in the general inspection figure for all houses in the District.

During 1955 good progress has continued in the removal of hutment tenants into new houses, so that 1956 may see the end of hutments as dwellings. New houses are being constructed at Newthorpe, Rougham, for the hutment tenants of Blackthorpe Camp; tenants from Ingham hutments are being rehoused in a number of parishes around, i.e., Honington and Fornham St. Martin, whilst a large building programme is projected at Stanton for the Shepherd's Grove hutments. By July 1956 only 17 hutments remained to be cleared.

85 New Council houses were completed during 1955 - making 695 post-war Council houses and 1,009 Council houses in all in the District. The villages in which the post-war Council houses have been built, together with the year of building, the number of pre-war and war-time emergency Council houses in each parish are indicated in the table on the following page.



| Parish.             | All Houses | Total | COUNCIL HOUSES BUILT IN PARISH. |                 |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | % of Houses in Parish which are Council Houses. |
|---------------------|------------|-------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                     |            |       | Total Pre-War & Emergency War.  | Total Post-War. | DURING |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |                                                 |
|                     |            |       |                                 |                 | 1955.  | 1954. | 1953. | 1952. | 1951. | 1950. | 1949. | 1948. | 1947. | 1946. |                                                 |
| Ampton.             | 34         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Bardwell.           | 226        | 55    | 19                              | 36              | -      | -     | 14    | -     | 4     | -     | 4     | 14    | -     | -     | 24%                                             |
| Barrow.             | 264        | 60    | 16                              | 44              | 2      | -     | -     | 18    | -     | -     | 8     | -     | 16    | -     | 23%                                             |
| Barton, Great.      | 294        | 35    | 18                              | 17              | -      | -     | -     | 3     | -     | -     | 8     | 6     | -     | -     | 12%                                             |
| Barnham.            | 115        | 16    | 2                               | 14              | 6      | -     | -     | -     | -     | 8     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 14%                                             |
| Barningham.         | 174        | 83    | 23                              | 60              | 20     | -     | -     | 14    | 2     | -     | 4     | 12    | 8     | -     | 48%                                             |
| Bradfield Combust.  | 40         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| " St. Clare.        | 54         | 17    | 6                               | 11              | -      | 3     | 4     | 4     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 31%                                             |
| " St. George.       | 115        | 30    | 12                              | 18              | 6      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 12    | -     | 26%                                             |
| Brockley.           | 69         | 17    | 9                               | 8               | -      | 6     | -     | 2     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 25%                                             |
| Chedburgh.          | 70         | 22    | 6                               | 16              | 10     | 6     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 31%                                             |
| Chevington.         | 137        | 21    | 3                               | 18              | -      | -     | 18    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 15%                                             |
| Coney Weston.       | 50         | 7     | 7                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 14%                                             |
| Culford.            | 94         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Denham.             | 57         | 8     | -                               | 8               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | 6     | 2     | -     | -     | -     | 14%                                             |
| Euston.             | 73         | 3     | -                               | 3               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | 3     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 4%                                              |
| Fakenham Magna.     | 47         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Flempton.           | 59         | 20    | 2                               | 18              | -      | 18    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 34%                                             |
| Fornham All Saints. | 96         | 18    | 6                               | 12              | -      | -     | -     | 12    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 19%                                             |
| " St. Martin.       | 134        | 49    | 7                               | 42              | 21     | 13    | -     | -     | -     | -     | 8     | -     | -     | -     | 37%                                             |
| " St. Geneveve.     | 18         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Hardwick.           | 3          | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Hargrave.           | 87         | 25    | 5                               | 20              | -      | -     | -     | 10    | -     | -     | -     | -     | 10    | -     | 29%                                             |
| Hawstead.           | 86         | 17    | 11                              | 6               | -      | -     | -     | -     | 6     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 20%                                             |
| Hengrave.           | 55         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Hepworth.           | 122        | 23    | 15                              | 8               | -      | -     | -     | 2     | -     | 6     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 19%                                             |
| Honington.          | 112        | 34    | 12                              | 22              | 6      | 8     | -     | -     | 8     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 30%                                             |
| Hopton.             | 137        | 22    | 16                              | 6               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | 6     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 16%                                             |
| Horringer.          | 154        | 2     | 2                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1%                                              |
| Ickworth.           | 16         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Ingham.             | 95         | 13    | 7                               | 6               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 6     | -     | -     | -     | 14%                                             |
| Ixworth.            | 315        | 105   | 56                              | 49              | -      | -     | 22    | 13    | -     | 4     | -     | 10    | -     | -     | 33%                                             |
| Ixworth Thorpe.     | 27         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Knettishall.        | 21         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Lackford.           | 48         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Livermere, Great.   | 76         | 18    | -                               | 18              | 12     | 6     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 24%                                             |
| Livermere, Little.  | 34         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Market Weston.      | 62         | 8     | 8                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 13%                                             |
| Nowton.             | 60         | 6     | -                               | 6               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 6     | -     | 10%                                             |
| Pakenham.           | 255        | 60    | 14                              | 46              | 2      | -     | 20    | -     | 16    | 8     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 24%                                             |
| Rede.               | 51         | 21    | 3                               | 18              | -      | 2     | -     | 4     | -     | -     | -     | 12    | -     | -     | 41%                                             |
| Risby.              | 161        | 61    | 28                              | 33              | 4      | 6     | -     | 4     | -     | 7     | -     | -     | 12    | -     | 38%                                             |
| Rougham.            | 255        | 45    | 10                              | 35              | 2      | 15    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 4     | 8     | 6     | 18%                                             |
| Rushbrooke.         | 34         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Sapiston.           | 46         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Saxham, Great.      | 56         | 15    | 9                               | 6               | -      | -     | 6     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 26%                                             |
| " Little.           | 43         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Stanningfield.      | 79         | 20    | 4                               | 16              | 4      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 12    | -     | 25%                                             |
| Stanton.            | 276        | 30    | 13                              | 17              | -      | 6     | 3     | -     | -     | 8     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 11%                                             |
| Thelnetham.         | 79         | 12    | 12                              | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 15%                                             |
| Timworth.           | 32         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Troston.            | 72         | 13    | 5                               | 8               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | 2     | 6     | -     | -     | -     | 18%                                             |
| Westley.            | 28         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| West Stow.          | 51         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Whelnetham, Great.  | 156        | 77    | 29                              | 48              | -      | 12    | -     | 4     | -     | 6     | -     | 26    | -     | -     | 49%                                             |
| " Little.           | 45         | -     | -                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                                               |
| Whepstead.          | 124        | 9     | 9                               | -               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 7%                                              |
| Wordwell.           | 11         | 2     | -                               | 2               | -      | -     | -     | -     | -     | 2     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 18%                                             |
|                     | 5,584      | 1,099 | 404                             | 695             | 85     | 105   | 93    | 90    | 36    | 66    | 46    | 84    | 84    | 6     | 20%                                             |

In addition, the Council own 8 houses at Stanningfield (made from an existing row of cottages) for old people.



SECTION E.  
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) MILK SUPPLY. The duties of our Authority are curtailed to the surveillance of milk in distribution from dairies other than producer retail dairies. The number of retailers in the District was 8. The following licenses were issued (supplementary licences are issued to those whose premises are not in our District):-

|                                                   | <u>Tuberculin Tested.</u> |                       | <u>Pasteurised.</u> |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                   | <u>Dealer.</u>            | <u>Supplementary.</u> | <u>Dealer.</u>      | <u>Supplementary.</u> |
| Booty, The Dairy, Timworth.                       | 1                         | -                     | -                   | -                     |
| Fulcher, Home Farm, Hardwick.                     | 1                         | -                     | 1                   | -                     |
| Hicks, High St., Ixworth.                         | 1                         | -                     | 1                   | -                     |
| Co-operative Society,<br>Bury St. Edmunds.        | -                         | 1                     | -                   | 1                     |
| Nowton Lodge Dairy Milk Bar,<br>Bury St. Edmunds. | -                         | 1                     | -                   | 1                     |
| Palmer, Park Farm,<br>Wattisfield.                | -                         | 1                     | -                   | 1                     |
| Pask, Swan Farm, Hartest.                         | -                         | 1                     | -                   | -                     |
| Hayhoe, West Stow.                                | -                         | -                     | 1                   | -                     |
|                                                   | 3                         | 4                     | 3                   | 3                     |

No complaints were detected during visits to the dealers premises in 1955.

- (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. There has been no change in the number of food premises from the previous year. They are as follows:-

|                      |    |    |            |
|----------------------|----|----|------------|
| Food Shops (General) | .. | .. | 68         |
| Small manufacturers  | .. | .. | 14         |
| Butchers             | .. | .. | 13         |
| Cafes                | .. | .. | 1          |
| Bakehouses           | .. | .. | 14         |
|                      |    |    | <u>110</u> |

Meat Inspection. All animals slaughtered at the 4 private slaughter-houses in the District were examined, which was no small feat despite the relatively small total of 405 animals involved because the irregularity in the times of killing is time consuming to the Sanitary Inspector.

The following lists show the amount of meat dealt with as being unfit for human consumption, whilst the table on the following page indicates the number and percentage of animals affected. As requested in the Appendix to Circular 17/55 Ministry of Health, the tabular statement for information about the post-mortem inspection of animals has been revised for the current year so as to include horses slaughtered for human consumption among the animals, and cysticercus among the Diseases. In Thingoe this meant a "Nil" return for horses slaughtered for human consumption and a recording of two cattle infected with Cysticercosis.

| <u>Cattle.</u>   |          | <u>Pigs.</u>      |         |
|------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|
| Beef             | 217 lbs. | Whole Carcase     | 1       |
| Head             | 1        | Pork              | 29 lbs. |
| Lungs            | 2 pairs. | Forequarters      | 4       |
| Livers           | 7        | Heads             | 3       |
| Portion of Liver | 15       | Portions of Liver | 2       |
| Thin Skirt       | 4        | Kidneys           | 2       |
| Udder            | 1        | Mesenteries       | 2       |
| Cysticercosis    |          | Offals            | 2       |
| Carcase          | 1        | Udders            | 2       |
| Head             | 1        |                   |         |

Other Foods. No other foods were found or surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

Comment has already been made that the standard of personal hygiene in the village shops is fairly good - employers and employees respond favourably and promptly to all suggestions made during routine inspection which are aimed to increase the confidence and health of customers.



Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole  
or in part.

|                                                                                                                 | Cattle<br>excluding<br>Cows. | Cows. | Calves. | Sheep<br>&<br>Lambs. | Pigs | Horses. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|------|---------|
| Number killed.                                                                                                  | 142                          | 1     | 1       | 14                   | 256  | Nil     |
| Number Inspected.                                                                                               | 142                          | 1     | 1       | 14                   | 256  | Nil     |
| <u>All diseases except<br/>Tuberculosis &amp;<br/>Cysticerci.</u>                                               |                              |       |         |                      |      |         |
| Whole carcasses<br>condemned.                                                                                   | Nil                          | Nil   | Nil     | Nil                  | 1    | Nil     |
| Carcases of which<br>some part or organ<br>was condemned.                                                       | 29                           | Nil   | Nil     | Nil                  | 8    | Nil     |
| Percentage of the<br>number inspected<br>affected with<br>disease other<br>than tuberculosis<br>and cysticerci. | 21%                          | Nil   | Nil     | Nil                  | 4%   | Nil     |
| <u>Tuberculosis only.</u>                                                                                       |                              |       |         |                      |      |         |
| Whole carcasses<br>condemned.                                                                                   | Nil                          | Nil   | Nil     | Nil                  | Nil  | Nil     |
| Carcases of which<br>some part or organ<br>was condemned.                                                       | 2                            | Nil   | Nil     | Nil                  | 7    | Nil     |
| Percentage of the<br>number inspected<br>affected with<br>Tuberculosis.                                         | 1%                           | Nil   | Nil     | Nil                  | 3%   | Nil     |
| <u>Cysticercosis.</u>                                                                                           |                              |       |         |                      |      |         |
| Carcases of which<br>some part or organ<br>was condemned.                                                       | 1                            | Nil   | Nil     | Nil                  | Nil  | Nil     |
| Carcases submitted<br>to treatment by<br>refrigeration.                                                         | 1                            | Nil   | Nil     | Nil                  | Nil  | Nil     |
| Generalised and<br>totally condemned.                                                                           | Nil                          | Nil   | Nil     | Nil                  | Nil  | Nil     |

(c) ADULTERATION, ETC.

(d) CHEMICAL & BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

(e) NUTRITION.

(f) SHELL-FISH.

(g) WATER-CRESS.

No change.

ICE-CREAM. Although there are no manufacturers of ice-cream in our District the number of ice-cream dealers has continued to increase from 26 in 1953 to 28 in 1954 and to 36 by the end of 1955. The dealers receive all their ice-cream as wrapped bricks or in covered cartons from large manufacturers, so that it is sold in the packed state.



SECTION F.  
PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases among the civilian population during the year. These are the final numbers after corrections subsequently made either by the Notifying Medical Practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Disease Hospital.

|                                      | Scarlet<br>Fever. | Whooping<br>Cough. | Poliomyelitis<br>(Paralytic) | Measles. | Pneumonia. | Infective<br>Hepatitis. | Food<br>Poisoning | Pulmonary<br>Tuberculosis | Meningococcal<br>Meningitis. | Infective<br>Acute<br>Encephalitis. |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Grand<br>Total: M. F.<br>225 120 105 | M. F.             | M. F.              | M. F.                        | M. F.    | M. F.      | M. F.                   | M. F.             | M. F.                     | M. F.                        | M. F.                               |
| Totals                               | 4 2               | 1 7                | 2 1                          | 10479    | 3 7        | 4 4                     | - 2               | 1 2                       | - 1                          | - 1                                 |
| Age 0 to under 1                     | - -               | - -                | - -                          | - 3      | - -        | - -                     | - -               | - -                       | - 1                          | - -                                 |
| 1 " " 3                              | 1 -               | - 2                | - -                          | 7 16     | - 1        | 1 -                     | - 1               | - -                       | - -                          | - -                                 |
| 3 " " 5                              | 1 -               | - -                | - -                          | 19 8     | - -        | - -                     | - 1               | - -                       | - -                          | - -                                 |
| 5 " " 10                             | 2 2               | - 5                | - -                          | 56 46    | - 1        | 1 2                     | - -               | - -                       | - -                          | - -                                 |
| 10 " " 15                            | - -               | 1 -                | 1 -                          | 19 3     | - -        | - -                     | - -               | - -                       | - -                          | - -                                 |
| 15 " " 25                            | - -               | - -                | 1 -                          | - 1      | - 1        | 1 1                     | - -               | - 2                       | - -                          | - -                                 |
| 25 " " 45                            | - -               | - -                | - 1                          | 3 1      | 1 -        | 1 1                     | - -               | 1 -                       | - -                          | - 1                                 |
| 45 " " 65                            | - -               | - -                | - -                          | - 1      | 2 -        | - -                     | - -               | - -                       | - -                          | - -                                 |
| 65 & over.                           | - -               | - -                | - -                          | - -      | - 4        | - -                     | - -               | - -                       | - -                          | - -                                 |

Save for Measles, 1955 produced no exceptional incidence of Infectious Diseases in Thingoe.

It should be noted that no case of Diphtheria has occurred in the District for 10 years - no case has occurred in an immunised person since December 1940, when immunisation commenced in the District, nearly 15 years ago.

The two cases of Food Poisoning were notified by a Medical Practitioner wishing to call attention to the presence of many flies at a farm house. The two young children had already recovered from a mild attack of diarrhoea lasting an hour or two - no specimens were available and no organism was found.

NEW CASES. T U B E R C U L O S I S.  
New Cases and Mortality.

|               | 1955. | 1954. | 1953. | 1952. | 1951. | 1950. |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Pulmonary     | 3     | 10    | 6     | 7     | 9     | 17    |
| Non-Pulmonary | Nil   | 1     | 2     | 4     | 5     | 3     |

Ages of Cases notified in 1955:-

Pulmonary, Male 44 years.  
Females, 20, 24 years.

MORTALITY. There were no Tuberculosis deaths during 1955.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER.

|                                 | Pulmonary.<br>Male. Female. | Non-Pulmonary.<br>Male. Female. | Total.<br>Male. Female. |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Cases at commencement 1955.  | 29 30                       | 6 10                            | 35 40                   |
| 2. Notified first in 1955.      | 1 2                         | - -                             | 1 2                     |
| 3. Restored to Register.        | - 1                         | - -                             | - 1                     |
| 4. Added by Transfers           | 1 2                         | - -                             | 1 2                     |
| 5. Cases removed from Register. | 4 12                        | 1 2                             | 5 14                    |
| 6. Remaining at end of 1955.    | 27 23                       | 5 8                             | 32 31                   |



THINGOE - 1936 to 1955. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS).

|       | Diph-<br>theria | Scarlet<br>Fever. | Measles | Whoop-<br>ing<br>Cough. | Pneumonia | Ery-<br>sip-<br>elas. | Infective<br>Hepatitis | Acute<br>Polio<br>myel-<br>itis. | Dysen-<br>tery. | Inf.<br>Enceph-<br>alitis. | Malaria | Meningo-<br>coccal<br>mening-<br>itis. | Ophthalmia<br>Neonatorum | Para-<br>Typhoid<br>Fevers. | Undul-<br>ant<br>Fever. | Puer-<br>peral<br>Rever-<br>sion. | Pol-<br>io |
|-------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1936. | 1               | 27                | -       | -                       | 9         | 3                     | -                      | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | 3                                 | -          |
| 1937. | 1               | 6                 | -       | -                       | 7         | Nil                   | -                      | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | 1                           | Nil                     | Nil                               | -          |
| 1938. | 2               | 4                 | -       | -                       | 7         | 1                     | -                      | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | 1                        | Nil                         | 1                       | Nil                               | -          |
| 1939. | 2               | 26                | Nil     | 10                      | Nil       | Nil                   | -                      | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | Nil                               | -          |
| 1940. | 9               | 112               | 75      | 10                      | 10        | 3                     | Nil                    | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | Nil                               | -          |
| 1941. | 8               | 22                | 269     | 9                       | 4         | 2                     | -                      | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | 1                                      | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | 2                                 | -          |
| 1942. | 2               | 27                | 4       | 57                      | 4         | Nil                   | -                      | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | Nil                               | -          |
| 1943. | 2               | 25                | 61      | 1                       | 3         | Nil                   | 11                     | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | Nil                               | -          |
| 1944. | 4               | 21                | 10      | 39                      | 9         | 4                     | 22                     | Nil                              | 23              | Nil                        | 1       | Nil                                    | 3                        | Nil                         | Nil                     | 1                                 | -          |
| 1945. | Nil             | 21                | 233     | 78                      | 8         | 2                     | 22                     | Nil                              | 11              | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | 2                        | Nil                         | Nil                     | 1                                 | -          |
| 1946. | Nil             | 7                 | 23      | 33                      | 4         | 1                     | 15                     | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | Nil                               | -          |
| 1947. | Nil             | 21                | 110     | 21                      | 5         | 2                     | 5                      | 1                                | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | 1                                      | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | Nil                               | -          |
| 1948. | Nil             | 12                | 48      | 74                      | 2         | Nil                   | Nil                    | 1                                | 1               | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | Nil                               | -          |
| 1949. | Nil             | 8                 | 71      | 19                      | 1         | 1                     | 14                     | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | 1                                 | -          |
| 1950. | Nil             | 15                | 505     | 115                     | 1         | 1                     | 3                      | 1                                | 1               | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | Nil                               | 55         |
| 1951. | Nil             | 11                | 41      | 46                      | 10        | Nil                   | 5                      | Nil                              | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | 1                                 | Nil        |
| 1952. | Nil             | 7                 | 235     | 76                      | 9         | Nil                   | 6                      | 1                                | 1               | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | 1                        | Nil                         | Nil                     | 1                                 | 85         |
| 1953. | Nil             | 11                | 142     | 3                       | 4         | Nil                   | 3                      | 2                                | 1               | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | 1                                 | Nil        |
| 1954. | Nil             | 4                 | 30      | 81                      | 8         | Nil                   | 14                     | 1                                | Nil             | Nil                        | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | Nil                               | -          |
| 1955. | Nil             | 6                 | 183     | 8                       | 10        | Nil                   | 8                      | 3                                | Nil             | 1                          | Nil     | Nil                                    | Nil                      | Nil                         | Nil                     | Nil                               | -          |

